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SUBJECT:METROPOLITAN/HERMITAGE EXCHANGE

REF: A. MOSCOW 4141; B. STATE 49641

1. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED EXTEND INVITATION TO DEPUTY MINISTER S OF CULTURE POPOV AND TWO OTHERS TO VISIT US FOR OPENING OF HERMITAGE EXHIBIT AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM APRIL 16. FOLLOWING OPENING, DEPT PREPARED TO ARRANGE ONE WEEK TO TEN DAY PROGRAM (UNDER IV PROGRAM), WHICH COULD INCLUDE BOLSHOI BALLET OPENING AS WELL AS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND PERHAPS SAN FRANCISCO. ADVISE MINCULT RESPONSE SOONEST AND SUBMIT PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM MINCULT THAT WE PLAN TO SEND OFFICIAL US DELEGATION TO OPEN THE METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT IN

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LENINGRAD MAY 22. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON COMPOSITION AND INTER-

ESTS OF US DELEGATION.

3. FOR LENINGRAD: IF POPOV SHOULD VISIT SAN FRANCISCO,
WE WOULD EXPECT QUESTION OF SAN FRANCISCO-LENINGRAD CULTURAL
EXCHANGES WOULD AGAIN BE RAISED BY SAN FRANCISCANS.
REQUEST EARLY REPLY TO REFTEL B (PARA 4) ON WHAT TYPES OF
EXCHANGES LENINGRADERS BELIEVE MINCULT WOULD APPROVE. KISSINGER

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